

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street, Suite 200, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led Council in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Brian Conner and Gary Cameron were not present. Also present were Tracy Newhouse, City Attorney, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Smith moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. We are very pleased with our recent audit. We had no comments.
2. September 4<sup>th</sup> FEMA gave us the indication we will be qualified to make application for a grant for flood drainage.
3. On the 10<sup>th</sup> the school and city rolled out the new SRO car with the graphics. The graphics were paid for by the school.
4. Dr. Stusie notified us that she will include the City and the activities in the parks as a part of positive health awareness.
5. Did a preview of the Now Entering.
6. 9-12 OCRA awarded us the mentoring program. Rushville and Wabash will mentor Edinburg. We will receive a stipend to do this.
7. Sunday we had a reception to welcome the Japanese Cultural, which is called Hikrau. It is a program sponsored by Arts Midwest. Through music they introduce Japanese culture. They will be here for a week. INTAT is providing their lodging.
8. On September 16 we were given approval for the Overlook.
9. On September 18 there will be a community center meeting at the Foundation.
10. September 19 we have a meeting on the Taff building.
11. This weekend is Willkie Days and Homecoming. Thursday is the high school parade and pep session. Friday is the ribbon cutting for the Campaign Quarters.
12. Saturday Councilman Smith gets married.
13. Saturday night is the homecoming dance.

14. The 5 in 50 bike ride is Saturday along with the parade and a variety of events downtown.
15. Pavey complimented Burklow for his work on the disc golf.
16. Reminder of the picnic on the 28<sup>th</sup> at Steve McCorkle's. He resigned last week from the County Council.
17. On October 3 the Mayor from Crawfordsville will be in town to discuss the most effective practices for ambulance/fire department.
18. The Now Entering Program will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
19. Thanks to the Street Department for the sidewalk in front of the food pantry and Harcourt's Counseling
20. We did the video taping of the lines, the ceiling and the caulking of the retaining walls. We will talk to DLZ to submit to get the Levee re-certified.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copley asked Council to consider Resolution 2019-30 a reduction in spending for 2019. Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2019-30. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We are wrapping up a lot of the design work. We should see a lot of movement in the spring.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The last concert is this Saturday.
- **APC/BZA** – Meeting tomorrow night.
- **City Center** – The Board of Works approved payment of the final invoice.
- **Housing** – Peacock has started the process.
- **ECDC** – We continue working through projects.
- **Cherry Street** – The Board of Works approved updating the appraisals for right of way.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker thanked the Water Company for fixing the water leak.

The Police Department will be partnering with the food pantry. They will be carrying meal packages in each car to be given to those people that they find are in need. This is the first program of this nature in rural Indiana.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller reported that they have been crack sealing and have approximately 18-20 blocks to complete.

One of his employees is under a doctor's care and has been scheduled for surgery October 30. He is not allowed to work until he has had the surgery and will be off work for 12 weeks after surgery.

**Animal** – The Board of Works gave Cottrell permission to hire Megan Bussberg for a part-time position.

The Board of Works approved an emergency schedule for times when they are short-handed. They also better defined emergency calls for after hours.

**Park** - Director Burklow reported that the Futsal Court is almost complete. They will open September 28 @ 9:00 a.m.

The trail at the CJD Park is in place but will not be paved until next year.

The pool floor was painted last week.

Disc golf has gotten a lot of attention. It will be open October 12 @ 9:00 a.m.

Smith asked if we need a fence to keep the Futsal balls out of the creek. Burklow said he also questioned this but they do not think it will be a concern. There will be some type of boulders put up to keep vehicles from parking on the court.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Councilman Smith said he talked to Les regarding water at the tennis courts. It was brought to his attention that there are several places with this issue. He is discussing with the school and the City Utilities. Mayor Pavey said he will check tomorrow to see where we are with this matter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Street Lights South of Town** – The letters are complete for easements. Pavey asked Council if they wanted them mailed or did they want them to personally go out and talk to people. It was the consensus of Council to mail them unless it seemed that they need to personally speak to some of the residents.
2. Pavey said 2 of the Sugar Hill easements were signed. One would not sign. But the two that we needed were signed.
3. **CCMG Local Roads Update** –
  - a. **8<sup>th</sup> Street** – Potholing was done this week. Not sure of a start date.
  - b. **Mill and Resurface** – We are 2 – 3 weeks out.
  - c. **Crack Sealing** – We are 75% complete.

4. **Police Department – Downtown Parking Revisions Ordinance 2019-14** – We continue working on this.
5. **Ordinance 2019-15 Amend Construction Standards Fees** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2019-15. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2019-18 Bidding Requirements** – The mark ups are not yet incorporated.
7. **Ordinance 2019-19 Mobile Food Truck Permit** – Pavey asked if Council would like to have a fee attached to this ordinance. Bridges and Berkemeier both said there should be some sort of fee. Smith said he didn't think we need a fee, but they should have to get a permit. Smith moved to table until the next meeting. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **DINO Credit Transfer – Letter of Support** – Mayor Pavey said the Shnoddy building might be changing ownership hands and wants to be sure the DINO credits will follow the building. Bridges gave a favorable recommendation to give a letter of support to extend the DINO credits. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Smith voting “nay”.

**CLAIMS AND JULY 2019 BANK RECONCILEMENT** – Berkemeier moved to approve the claims and July 2019 bank reconciliation as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.